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Town Warrant.

State of New Hampshire.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilton, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Wilton on Tuesday, the eight day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1st. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2nd. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3rd. To hear the reports of the selectmen, treasurer and other town officers and pass any vote relative thereto.

4th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate together with the free use of the town hall on Memorial Day and evening for the observance of Memorial Day 1898.

5th. To see if the town will vote to rebuild the wall between

S. B. Center's stable and Bales & Putnam's shop, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

6th. To see if the town will vote to purchase a road machine and raise and appropriate money for the same.

7th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the repair of the sidewalk from M. P. Stanton's store to Milford line or act thereon.

8th. To see if the town will vote to give permission to Abiel A. Livermore Post and its associate members to place the proper foundations for the mounting of a cannon such as they may select on the reservation belonging to said town on the westerly side of the town house without expense to said town or act thereon.

9th. To see if the town will vote to locate and maintain a light in the highway near the stone watering trough on the road leading from Wilton to Greenville, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

10th. To see if the town will grant the free use of the town hall one evening to the High School graduating class.

11th. To see if the town will grant the free use of the town hall to the W. C. T. U. for three public temperance meetings.

12th. To see if the town will vote to widen and straighten certain sections of the highway at points between the dwelling house of Andrew N. Burton and that of James Sheldon.

13th. To see what action the town will take in relation to placing proper railing and fixing bank wall on the highway leading from Jacob Putnam corner, so called, to the house of Clarisa J. Burton or act thereon.

14th. To see what action the town will take to afford relief from surface water flowage on Russell street so called.

15th. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

GEO. M. HARTSHORN, }
GEO. G. TOLFORD, } Selectmen of Wilton.
JOHN F. HERLIHY, }

INVENTORY.

Inventory of the real and personal property assessed on the first day of April 1897.

	VALUE
No. of Polls, 440,	$44,000 00
Horses, 381,	20,449 00
Cows, 585,	13,687 00
Neat, 81,	1,293 00
Oxen, 8,	370 00
Asses, 1,	20 00
Sheep, 84,	233 00
Hogs, 21,	210 00
Fowls, 400,	160 00
Carriages, 43,	3,085 00
Stock out of the state,	155 00
Stock in the state,	7,100 00
Public funds,	1,300 00
Money at interest,	46,343 00
Stock in trade,	58,635 00
Mills and machinery,	50,350 00
Lands and buildings,	702,610 00
	$950,000 00

Tax rate $1.60 on $100.00.

Selectmen's Report.

Appropriations.

The following estimates have been made for appropriations necessary to meet the current expenses for the ensuing year.

For schools, not including literary fund,	$4,750 00
support of poor,	200 00
fire department,	500 00
public library,	300 00
town officers,	500 00
highways and bridges,	2,500 00
sidewalks and repairs,	400 00
state tax,	2,800 00
county tax,	3,130 00
payment of notes and interest,	4,000 00
street lighting,	550 00
printing and stationery,	100 00
Memorial Day observance,	50 00
miscellaneous expenses,	100 00
new streets,	100 00
railings,	100 00
	$20,008 00

Town Expenditures.

Town Officers.

Paid Geo. M. Hartshorn, selectman,	$60 00	
Geo. G. Tolford, "	65 00	
John F. Herlihy, "	50 00	
R. M. Moore, treasurer,	50 00	
W. E. Foster, clerk,	33 33	
E. A French, "	16 67	
Geo. E Bales, collector,	100 00	
A. A. Ramsey, health officer,	5 00	
Geo. W. Hatch, "	5 00	
R. M. Moore, "	5 00	
Thomas Cooley, police and extra,	22 00	
		$412 00

Wilton Public Library.

Paid Geo. Whiting, treas.,	$300 00	
		$300 00

Town Hall.

Paid Walworth Mfg. Co., repairs to gas machine,	$52 30	
Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson, janitor and cash paid out,	146 38	
W. E. Foster, repair to pump,	80	
G. F. Gilpatrick, labor on gas machine,	2 75	
D. Whiting & Sons, supplies,	148 89	
D. E. Proctor, brushes,	40	
F. W. Clark, supplies,	1 45	
		$352 97
Cash receipts,		351 68
Balance against town,		$1 29

Lighting Streets.

Paid Milford Electric Light Co.,	$490 63	
F. W. Clark, supplies,	9 04	
Charles A. Gove, lighting lamps,	6 00	
D. E. Proctor, oil,	90	
M. E. Kennedy, lighting lamp,	3 50	
		$510 07

Returning and recording Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Paid W. E. Foster, completing record births and deaths,	$9 00	
G. W. Hatch, M. D., returning births and deaths,	9 25	
E. A French, recording marriages, births, deaths, and cash paid returning births and deaths,	16 20	
C. E. Higgins, M. D., returning births and deaths,	5 25	
		$39 70

Fire Department.

Paid American Express Co., casting,	$3 75
Gutta Percha and Rubber Mfg. Co., suction hose,	14 00
Bales & Putnam, labor on engine,	7 00
G. G. Tolford, cash for new reservoir,	91 85
John R. Hickey, pay roll,	248 33
John M. Brennan, steward,	25 00
John F. Herlihy, labor on engine,	2 50
Bales & Putnam, rod for engine,	30

M. P. Stanton, supplies,	$8 20	
A. J. Parker, hook and ladder truck,	100 00	
Frank E. Proctor, team at fires,	5 00	
D. E. Proctor, supplies,	3 15	
Geo. G. Tolford, "	2 64	
A. A. Ramsey, insurance,	7 50	
		$519 22

Printing and Stationery.

Paid E. B. Center, reports,	$63 00	
H. R. Wheeler, printing,	1 50	
W. E. Foster, stationery,	2 28	
Geo. M. Hartshorn, "	3 22	
R. M. Moore, "	5 00	
		$75 00

Watering Troughs.

Paid H. N. Gray,	$3 00	
Levi Putnam,	3 00	
C. C. Spaulding,	3 00	
C. E. Robbins,	3 00	
Mrs. Boynton,	3 00	
J. E. Gray,	3 00	
A. O. Barker,	3 00	
Allen Barker,	3 00	
Fred L. Frazer,	3 00	
		$27 00

Support of Poor.

Paid E. A. French, goods furnished John McCarthy,	$22 50	

Paid E. A. French, goods furnished		
Ed. Eaton,	$99 00	
E. A. French, food for tramps,	98	
		$122 48

Dependent Soldiers.

Paid A. J. Carkin,	$18 00	
		$18 00

County Poor.

Paid support of Exilda Richards,	$11 50	
" Mrs. McCabe,	100 03	
" Mrs. Babson,	71 86	
" Mrs. Currier,	51 46	
" Mrs. Quinn,	1 16	
board of Bingham boy,	13 50	
W. H. Barnes, expense and cash paid,	13 80	
		$263 31

Dependent Soldiers, County.

Paid L. Way,	$62 66	
		$62 66
Received from County,	$325 97	

Memorial Day.

Paid John Gage,	$50 00	
		$50 00

Support of Schools.

Paid D. E. Proctor, treas.,	$4,979 40	
		$4,979 40

Cemeteries.

Paid Bales & Putnam, gate hinges,	$1 25	
W. H. Barnes, care of cemeteries, and cash paid out,	33 50	
		$34 75

Miscellaneous.

Paid G. F. Gilpatrick, deed trunk,	$1 35	
John O. Donnell, wood for lobby,	3 00	
D. E. Proctor, pail for lobby,	35	
Geo. M. Hartshorn, time and expense on Mrs. Woodward case,	13 40	
Geo. G. Tolford, time and expense on Mrs. Woodward case,	4 60	
W. W. Heath, team on Mrs. Woodward case,	4 00	
Geo. G. Tolford, sundries,	3 60	
Wilton Savings Bank, rent of lobby to Mar. 1st, 1898,	15 00	
Geo. E. Bales, counsel fees,	20 00	
Geo. M. Hartshorn. expense to Concord,	2 48	
		$67 78

Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Paid C. W. Edwards, bal. account 1896-7,	$114 02	
H. A. Proctor, road com.,	3,812 26	
		$3,926 28

Recapitulation.

Paid town officers,	$412 00

Paid public library,	$300 00	
town house expenses,	352 97	
street lighting,	510 07	
return of marriages, births and deaths,	39 70	
fire department,	519 22	
printing and stationery,	75 00	
watering troughs,	27 00	
support of poor,	122 48	
dependent soldiers,	18 00	
county poor,	263 31	
" dependent soldiers,	62 66	
memorial day,	50 00	
support of schools,	4,979 40	
cemeteries,	34 75	
miscellaneous expenses,	67 78	
highways,—all departments,	3,926 28	
		$11,760 62

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. HARTSHORN,
GEO. G. TOLFORD,
JOHN F. HERLIHY,
Selectmen of Wilton.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

A. A. RAMSEY,
GEO. G. BLANCHARD,
Auditors.

Road Agent's Account for 1897-8.

Cash paid out each month.

March	1887,	$39 45	
April	"	532 33	
May	"	682 91	
June	"	469 81	
July	"	522 03	
August	"	471 15	
September	"	313 06	
October	"	235 74	
November	"	187 45	
December	"	125 87	
January	1898,	73 00	
February	"	159 46	
Whole amount received of town,			$3,812 26

SUMMARY.

Paid for repairing highways and bridges,	$2,136 46

REPAIRING SIDEWALKS.

Forest street,	$150 28
Pine valley,	197 51
Other sidewalks,	17 25

NEW SIDEWALKS.

Odd Fellows,	$222 28

Livermore street,	$100 39
New sewer,	250 00
Killkelly sewer,	187 12
Changing water course on Kennedy Hill,	167 59

RAILINGS.

Iron railing,	55 80
Wood railing,	110 12

Have on hand about 2,000 ft. railing poles not put on.

Breaking roads,	217 46
	$3,812 26

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. PROCTOR, Road Commissioner.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR.

1896 ACCOUNT.

DR.

To balance uncollected as per last report,	$216 11
" interest collected,	4 14
	$220 25

CR.

By cash paid R. M. Moore, town treasurer,	$165 21	
" abatements,	12 80	
Uncollected,	42 24	
		$220 25

1897 ACCOUNT.

DR.

To amount committed to collector,	$15,200 00
" additions,	19 84
" interest collected,	17 79
	$15,237 63

CR.

By cash paid R. M. Moore, town treas.,	$14,907 47	
" abatements,	17 12	
Uncollected,	313 04	
		$15,237 63

GEO. E. BALES, Tax Collector.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIVED.

Cash in treas. Feb. 15, 1897,	$2,122	72
Received on temporary notes,	3,900	00
from Collector,	15,072	68
Town Clerk,	252	30
Town Hall rents,	351	68
State Treasurer, Insurance Tax,	27	75
Savings Bank tax,	2,227	84
Railroad tax,	1,481	23
Literary fund,	229	40
W. H. Barnes, cemetery lots sold in '96,	32	00
Geo. E. Bales in Duval case,	40	97
one-half liquor fines,	15	00
Geo. M. Hartshorn, old bridge sold,	18	00
Hillsboro Co., support of soldiers,	62	66
" " paupers,	263	31
Parties entering town sewers,	74	12
" one-half cost new sidewalks,	109	06
Geo. M. Hartshorn, acct. Merry-go-round,	40	00
Martha A. Putnam, acct. town histories sold,	12	00
W. H. Barnes, acct. cemetery lots sold,'97	15	00
H. A. Whiting, acct. drain pipe,	40	86
Miscellaneous,	182	35
DR.	$26,570	93

CR.

Paid Miscellaneous,	$11,263 52
Town Orders,	11,760 62
Coupons,	489 00
Cash,	3,057 79
	$26,570 93

R. M. MOORE, Town Treasurer.

DEMANDS AGAINST THE TOWN.

1900—bonds with interest to Feb. 15, '98,			$10,168 50
Town House notes " Feb. 15, '98,			5,075 00
5-20 notes, " Feb. 15, '98,			20,132 00
Temporary notes, " Feb. 15, '98,			6,604 71
Total debt,			$41,976 21
Net indebtedness, Feb. 15, '97,		$40,163 63	
Assets Cash in Treas., Feb. 15, '98,		3,057 79	
Available means,		355 28	
			$3,413 07
Net debt Feb. 15, '98,			$38,563 14
Decrease of debt,	$1,600 49.		

R. M. MOORE, Town Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of the Town Treasurer for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

A. A. RAMSEY.
GEO. G. BLANCHARD, } Auditors.

The Spalding Fund.

Your trustees report that the above Fund is invested as follows :

Loan—J. B. Whipple, real estate mortgage.
Interest, 6 per cent semi-annually, due from Aug. 27, '97,
$5,000.00

Loan—Chas. E. Smith, real estat e mortgage.
Interest, 6 per cent , semi-annually, due from Sept. 2, '97,
$3,000.00

Loan—S. H. Shattuck, real estate mortgage.
Interest, 6 per cent. semi-annually, paid to May 23, '98,
$2,000.00

$10,000.00

INCOME.

Interest, J. B. Whipple,	$300 00
" C. E. Smith,	180 00
" J. A. Spalding,	66 00
" S. H. Shattuck,	60 00
" J. B. Barker,	50 00
	$656 00
Paid D. E. Proctor, district treasurer,	$646 00
A. A. Ramsey, expense,	10 00
	$656 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WHITING,
A. A. RAMSEY,
D. E. PROCTOR,
} Trustees.

Engineers Report Fire Department.

In submitting the annual report of this department it affords us not a little pleasure to state that the past year has been a very fortunate one regarding fires. Although several alarms have been rung in very little damage has been done, and which we believe in a great measure is due to the prompt manner in which the boys have responded to calls. They are certainly deserving of much credit.

The following is a list of fires for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1898.

Mar. 8th. Chimney fire at John H. Lynch's. Hand extinguishers were used and proved to be of great service.

April 4th. Fire at house owned by Jerry Driscoll. Caught on roof. Cause sparks from chimney. Loss $10.00. Insured.

April 26th. Fire at old tannery barn owned by H. J. Russell caused by a spark from a brush fire on the premises. No loss.

Oct. 5th. Fire in picker room of Wilton Woolen Co., caused by hot box. Owing to the inflamable matter in the room the fire gained considerable headway in a short time, but by prompt action on the part of firemen and employees it was soon under control. At this fire the value of the Co's pump and hydrants were fully demonstrated. Loss, $500.00. Insurance paid $352.96.

Jan. 8, 1898. Chimney fire at Chas. Carr's. No damage.

A reservoir has been recently built as per vote of the town near the new school building, and should occasion require, in our opinion, will furnish an adequate supply of water for fire, purposes. The town a few years since purchased some new

ladders, but have had no suitable means of getting them to fires. Your board of engineers have had constructed at a moderate cost a hook and ladder truck which will supply the much needed want. All the fire apparatus is in our judgment in good working condition.

GEO. G. TOLFORD,
M. P. STANTON,
H. W. HOPKINS,
} Board of Engineers.

Wilton Public Library.

CHARLES H. BURNS, President,
GEO. WHITING, Treasurer,
GEO. G. BLANCHARD, Secretary,
D. E. PROCTOR,
GEO. E. BALES,
} Trustees.

MISS M. A. PUTNAM, Librarian.

Eighth annual report of the Librarian of the Wilton Public Library, for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

To the trustees of the Wilton Public Library:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the eighth annual report of the library.

ACCESSIONS.

Total number of volumes in the library Feb. 15, '97,	4,045
Accessions during the year by purchase,	121
" by gift,	49
" by periodicals bound,	35
Whole number of volumes Feb. 15, 1898,	4,250

CIRCULATION.

Days the library was open,	110
Volumes taken out,	6,926

Periodicals taken out,		1,138
Total,		8,064
Average daily number,		73+
No. of cards issued to new patrons,		106
" " previously,		998
Total,		1,104
Amount received from fines,	$18 43	
" non-res. fees,	3 50	
" sale of catalogues,	2 75	
		$24 68
No. of volumes covered,		990

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY, 1897.

	VOLS.	PAMPH.
Mrs. Levi Abbot, Hollis, N. H.,		1
Mrs. G. G. Blanchard,	3	
G. G. Blanchard,	1	
Boston Herald Co.,	1	
Mrs. A. Carleton,		5
City of Manchester, N. H.,	1	
Mrs. E. P. Dascomb,		3
Mrs. A. L. Dascomb,	3	1
Mrs. H. L Emerson, ancient papers,		
Miss C. S. Draper,	1	
H. H. Livermore, ancient papers, piece of wood and key belonging to the old church formerly at Wilton Centre,		
Mrs. M. E. Livermore,	4	
McCormick Harvesting Machine Co.,	1	
D. E. Proctor,	1	
Public Library, Cleveland, O.,		5

Mrs. P. S. Putnam,	2	
Miss M. A. Putnam,	5	
Charles B. Sheldon, Everett, Mass.,	1	
State of N. H.,	10	
U. S. Government,	4	
Mrs. J. G. Walker,	1	
Mrs. E. F. & Miss Ina B. Wilson,	10	1
Total,	49	16

PERIODICALS.

Traveller's Record,	Publishers.
Home Market Bulletin,	Publishers.
Youth's Friend,	W. C. T. U.
Temperance Banner,	W. C. T. U.
Water Lily,	W. C. T. U.
Our Dumb Animals,	W. C. T. U.
The Christian Register,	Woman's Alliance.

An effort has been made to secure a complete file of the annual reports of this town, for the library. Any person who will kindly supply a copy of the reports of the selectmen issued previous to March 1853, and a copy of that issued in March 1863, and, also, copies of the school reports previous to March 1846, and for March 1851, 1853 and 1870, will receive the thanks of those interested in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA A. PUTNAM, Librarian.

Geo. Whiting, Treasurer,

In Account wjth Wilton Public Library.

DR.

Cash on hand March 1st, '97,	$1 43	
Town appropriation,	300 00	
Interest. Wm. Ash, Jr.,	24 00	
Fines,	18 43	
Non-resident fees,	3 50	
Sale of catalogues,	2 75	
Sale of covering paper to school district,	5 74	
		$355 85

CR.

M. A. Putnam, salary,	$150 00	
" " supplies,	7 39	
F. W. Farnsworth, magazines,	39 70	
W. B. Rotch, catalogues,	38 00	
" " cards,	8 00	
Boston Bookbinding Co., binding,	33 25	
W. H. Hall & Co., covering paper,	23 70	
D. Whiting & Son's, wood and supplies,	18 84	
Myron Hutchinson, janitor,	4 38	
Library Bureau, supplies,	4 00	
W. E. Foster, labor,	50	
Estes & Lauriat, books,	1 04	
Publishers Weekly Magazine,	5 00	
D. E. Proctor, supplies,	3 14	
G. E. Bales, insurance,	10 00	
		$346 94
Balance on hand,		$8 91

GEO. WHITING, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH G. A. NEWELL FUND.

DR.

Income from 18 shares Concord & Montreal R. R. stock,	$126 00

CR.

Estes & Lauriat, books,	$101 85	
D. Appleton & Co., "	5 65	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	3 35	
History of Nashua,	10 15	
Granite Monthly, 2 years,	3 00	
M. J. Herlihy, magazine,	2 00	
		$126 00

GEO. WHITING, Treasurer.

Approved, { D. E. PROCTOR,
G. E. BALES.

Additions to the Library,

DURING THE PAST YEAR.

A

	SHELF	NO.
Adams, G. B. Growth of the French nation,	47	21.1
Allen, W. B. Son of liberty,	J 31	32
Anderson, R. E. Extinct civilization,	47	23.3
Arber, E. Story of the pilgrim fathers,	64	20.1
Archibald, D. Story of the atmosphere,	624	17
Arena, Vols. 16, 17,	2	
Atkinson, E. Science of nutrition,	711	25
Atlantic Monthly. Vols. 78-9,	627	22.3
Austin, O. P. Uncle Sam's secrets,	J 73	39

B

Bacon, E. M. Walks and rides about Boston,	R a	27
Baldwin, J. The horse fair,	J 31	8
Ballou, M. M. Aztec land,	38	5.2
Bangs, J. K. House boat on the Styx,	315	36
Pursuit of the house-boat,	315	37
Barnes, J. For king or country,	315	25
Loyal traitor,	315	26
Princetonian,	315	27
Barrie, J. Margaret Ogilvy,	44	63
Sentimental Tommy,	216	30
Baskett, J. N. Story of the birds,	713	4
Bayliss, C. K. In brook and bayou,	625	42.1

Beard, J. Curious homes,	713	10
Bellamy, E. Equality,	620	11
Benedict, E. L. Persons and places in Europe,	38	23
Besant, W. City of refuge,	315	34
Master craftsman,	315	33
Boston, T. Fourfold state,	53	13
Brewer, E. C. Dictionary of phrase and fable,	R	
Brooke, S. H. Primer of English literature,	11	24
Brooks, E. S. Great cities of the world,	626	
Story of the American sailor,	517	22.1
Brown, A. Mercy Warren,	44	55
Burnham, C. L. Miss Archer Archer,	25	21
Butterworth, H. Knight of liberty,	J 31	23

C

Carey, R. N. Dr. Littrell's first patient,	211	25.1
Little Miss Muffet,	211	25
Century Magazine. Vols. 53-4,	218	24.5
Charlton, E. A. New Hampshire as it is,	714	9
Cheever, H. A. Little Miss Boston,	J 310	22
Cosmopolitan Magazine. Vols. 22, 23.	618	14, 15
Creevey, C. A. Flowers of field, hill and swamp,	625	39.1
Croly, J. C. (Jennie June.) Thrown on her own resources,	72	31

D

Davis, R. H. Our English cousins,	317	13.1
Dexter, M. Story of the pilgrims,	64	20.2
Dicken's dictionary of London,	R	
Douglass, A. M. Heroes of the crusades,	43	32.1
Larry,	J 31	20
Dumas, A. Three musketeers, 2 vols.	32	22.3
Dunbar, P. L. Lyrics of lowly life,	611	34

E

Eastman, H. W. Semi-centennial of Manchester, N. H.,	714	11
Eggleston, E. Beginners of a nation,	65	27
Ellis, E. S. Four boys,	J 31	33

F

Farmer, L. H. What America owes to woman,	616	26
Fiske, J. History of the United States,	516	4.1
Ford, P. L. True George Washington,	65	13.1
Forum. Vols. 23-4.	3	
Francillon, R. E. Gods and heroes,	J 510	32

G

Gayley, C. M. Classic myths,	414	33.1
Gladden, W. Burning questions,	410	29
Goodrich, C. A. Signers of declaration of independence,	616	27
Gordon, G. A. Immortality.	410	28
Granite Monthly. Vols. 23-24,	5	
Great round world. Vol. 1.	73	40

H

Hardy, Mrs. A. S. Hall of shells,	713	12
Hardy, T. The well-beloved,	315	30
Hare, A. J. C. Cities of central Italy, 2 vols,	38	21-22
" northern " 2 vols,	38	19-20
Studies in Russia,	317	28.2
Walks in London,	317	11.2.3

Harper's Monthly. Vols 93-94.	318	10, 11
Harper's Weekly. 1897,	R	
Harris, J. C. Little Mr. Thimblefinger,	J 310	1
Sister Jane,	315	40
Hawkins, R C. Better than men,	713	10
Heart of oak books. 6 vols.	J 510	34.9
Henty, G. A. Lion of St. Mark's,	J 213	17
Hill, J. B. Centennial celebration of Mason, N. H.,	714	10
Hughes, W. R. Week's tramp in Dicken's land,	317	11.1

I

Illustrated history of the mint,	R	

J

Judson, H. P. Young American,	J 620	3.1

K

Kaler, J. O. (James Otis.) Josiah in New York,	J 31	19
Kelley, Mrs. M. A. B. Short stories of our shy neighbors,	713	11
King, C. A tame surrender,	216	34
King, E. Europe in storm and calm,	47	38
Kingsley, C. The heroes : or Greek fairy tales,	J 510	33
Kirk, E. B. Oliver Twist,	J 32	21
Kirkland, E. S. Short history of English literature,	414	35.1

L

Lathrop, R. H. Memories of Hawthorne,	44	62

Leitch, M. and M. W. Seven years in Ceylon,	217	22
Liddon's tour in Egypt and Palestine,	317	30.1
Life of Benjamin Franklin, 1834,	616	28
Life of George Washington, 1815,	616	29
Lincoln, Mrs. J. G. Marjorie's quest,	315	38
Genuine girl : sequel to "Marjorie's quest,"	315	39
Lothrop, H. M. Gingham bag,	J 212	2
Luffman, C. B. Vagabond in Spain,	317	3.1

M

McCarthy, J. History of our own times, Vol. 3,	46	25.1
McClure's Magazine, Vols. 6, 7, 8,	2	18
Martin, E. A. Story of a piece of coal,	625	11
Masquerade and carnival,	R	
Mathews, B. Introduction to American literature,	11	25.1
Mathews, F. S. Familiar flowers,	625	39.2
Familiar trees,	625	31.2
Matthews, H. L. and Rule, E. L. Memorial Day,	73	21.1
Meads, S. P. Elements of chemistry,	624	17
Miller, M. My Saturday bird class,	J 713	8
Mitchell, D. G. American lands and letters,	416	23
Elizabeth to Anne,	414	27.1
Morley, M. Seed babies,	J 625	41.1
Munroe, K. Big cypress,	J 213	26
Campmates,	J 213	10.1
Raftmates,	J 213	10
Ready rangers,	J 213	27
Through swamp and glade,	J 213	25

N

Nansen, F. Farthest north, 2 vols.,	217	10.2.3

New England Magazine. Vols. 14-15,	626	12, 13
Newhall, C. S. Vines of North-eastern America,	625	36.1
North American Review. Vols. 163-4,	518	14, 15

O

Ober, F. A. Crusoe's Island,	713	14
O'Reilly, J. B. Life, letters and poems,	616	25

P

Parker, E. E. ed. History of Nashua, N. H.	714	8
Parker, F. W. and Helm, N. L. Uncle Robert's visit,	J 625	42.3
Perry, Nora. Three little daughters of the revolution,	J 212	39
Pestalozzi, J. H. Leonard and Gertrude,	73	34
Preble, G. H. History of the flag,	R	
Prime, W. G. Among the northern hills,	314	37

R

Report of commissioner of education. 2 vols.	6	19
Review of reviews. Vols. 14-15,	59	9, 10
Richardson, A. S. Short stories from old English poetry,	11	34.1
Richmond, A. R. Leaves from the diary of an old lawyer,	620	10
Routledge, R. Discoveries and inventions,	624	8.2

S

St. Nicholas Magazine. Vols. 24-5,	29	18, 19
Salmon, D. E. Diseases of the horse,	711	34

Sargent, J. F. Reading for the young,	R	
Scribner's Magazine. Vol. 20-21,	617	16, 17
Scudder, H. E. Fables and folk stories,	J 510	31
Seventh N. H. regiment,	58	7.1
Sixteenth N. H. regiment,	58	16
Smith, G. Arabella and Araminta,	J 24	11
Smith, M. P. W. Their canoe trip,	J 311	30.1
Smithsonian report, 1890,	6	19
Spear, M. A. Leaves and flowers,	J 625	34.3
Spofford, H. P. An inheritance,	33	15
Steel, F. A. On the face of the waters,	315	31
Stoddard, W. O. Among the lakes,	J 31	34
Stowe, H. B. Lives and deeds of self-made men,	616	8.1
Strike at Shane's,	J 713	13

T

Thompson, R. Divine authority of the bible, 1807,	53	15
Troeger, J. W. Harold's first discoveries,	J 625	42.2
Twelfth N H. regiment,	58	12

V

Varney, G. J. Patriot's day,	73	21
Vincent, F. Plant world,	625	32.3

W

Ward, E. S. Phelps. Burglar who moved Paradise,	315	29
Ward, W. View of all religions, 1824,	53	14
Watertown, C. Wanderings in South America,	317	23.1
Weed, A. R. Business law,	620	39
Weed, C. M. Ten New England blossoms,	625	33.1
Wells, D. A. Study of Mexico,	38	5.1
Things not generally known,	715	7

Wharton, A. H. Martha Washington,	44	56
Whiston, W. Trans. Works of Josephus,	47	39
Whymper, E. Travels in the great Andes,	317	23.2
" (supplement)	317	23.3
Wiggin, E. E. Lessons on manners,	J 72	30
Wiggin, K. D. Marm Lisa,	25	26
Wolfe, T. F. Literary pilgrimage,	414	56
Literary shrines,	414	55
Woolsey, S. C. (Susan Coolidge,) Rhymes and ballads,	J 611	33
Wright, M. O. Citizen Bird,	J 713	2
Tommy-Anne,	J 312	20

Y

Yaggy, L. W. and Haines, T. L. Museum of antiquity,	47	40
Yonge, C. M. Clever woman of the family,	25	3.1
Heartsease,	25	3.2

Marriages Registered in the Town of Wilton,

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride.	Residence at time of Marriage.	Age	Occupation
July 27	Ernest J. Verden,	Wilton	31	Mill Oper.
	Josephine Lord.	Milford	33	"
Oct. 12	Ernest A. Hatch,	Wilton	22	Cabinet Wk.
	Augustine V. LaRose.	Lowell, Mass.	21	Mill Oper.
" 23	Herbert H. Stubbs,	Wilton	18	Weaver
	Susie Stevens.	E. Newport, Me.	18	Mill Oper.
" 25	Amos L. Lash,	Wilton	27	Meat Cutter
	Grace A. Sheldon.	"	19	Housekeeper
Nov. 17	John W. Riney,	"	18	Mill Oper.
	Anna Burby.	Milford	17	"
" 20	Arthur Ogden,	Wilton	25	Blacksmith
	Emma Green.	Amherst	30	Housekeeper
" 24	Augustus Young,	Wilton	24	Mill Oper.
	Margaret Soucy.	Milford	18	"
" 24	Edward Brothers,	Wilton	24	R. R. Hand
	Josie Schmidt.	"	18	Housekeeper
Dec. 20	Charles W. Kidder,	"	38	Laborer
	Jennie Munroe.	"	22	Housekeeper
" 29	Edward F. Costello,	"	23	Hotel Clerk
	Mary H. Jordan.	Peterborough	20	Waitress

N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Birthplace.	Name of Father.	Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	By Whom Married.
France	Ara	Mary		J. J. Hagan, Clerg., Manchester
Canada	Oliver	Elizabeth	Farmer	
Lebanon	Chauncy A.	Mary S.	F. Manuf'r	G. F. Marshall, Clerg., Milford.
Montreal, Que.	Napoleon	Augustine	Machinist	
Gilford, Me.	Charles T.	Anna		C. H. Dutton, Clerg., Wilton.
E. Newport, Me	Frank	Mary	Farmer	
Derry	Joseph L.	Climena	"	J. C. Mitchell, Clerg., Lebanon.
Wilton	John A.	Alice S.	"	
Lowell, Mass.	Daniel P.	Annie F.		G. F. Marshall, Clerg., Milford.
Canada	Frank		Laborer	
New Brunswick	Nelson	Sophia		C. W. Rowley, Clerg., Manchester
Amherst	Nahum	Kiziah		
Canada	Michael	Adle		G. F. Marshall, Clerg., Milford.
"	Frank	Margaret		
Peterborough	Isaac	Mary	Carpenter	G. F. Marshall, Clerg., Milford.
Germany	John	Caroline	Mill Oper.	
Wilton	Edward	Ellen	Laborer	C. H. Dutton, Clerg., Wilton.
Scotland				
Winchendon, M.	James	Hannah	"	P. J. Scott, Priest, Jaffrey.
Keene	Daniel	Margaret	Boss Carder	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. EDWIN A. FRENCH, Town Clerk.

Births registered in the Town of Wilton,

Date.		Name of Child.	Sex.	No. Child	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Jan.	2	Mary J. Shea	F	3	James Shea	Maggie Holland
"	14	Ellis P. Sears	M	1	Frank T. Sears	Polly L. Perham
"	17	Lila Farrell	F	3	Philip W. Farrell	Grace Spalding
Feb.	9	Remy C. Jerest	M	12	Peter Jerest	Sophia Liberty
"	9	Welch	F	2	William Welch	Etta Gates
"	14	Joseph Hurley	M	4	James C. Hurley	Nellie T. Lynch
"	19	Margaret Tighe	F	1	Andrew P. Tighe	Hattie Paro
"	20	Mary A. English	"	8	Gerome English	Amanda Lamiz
"	26	Jennie Nicker'n	"	5	Frank O. Nickerson	Jennie H. May
Mar.	4	Aural'sSenechal	M	6	Alphride Senechal	Florida Bernard
"	10	Lulu W. Smith	F	6	Edward D. Smith	Hattie M. Draper
"	11	John Herlihy	M	1	John F. Herlihy	Theresa Kendall
"	12	Annie Wells	F	5	Thomas A. Wells	Alice Shepard
"	13	Woodb'y Gagne	M	2	Arthur Gagne	Philemen Brooks
"	31	Jos. Dechamps	"	1	Albert Deschamps	Josephine Perreault
Apr.	4	Jos. Varley	"	13	John Varley	Mary A. Bresnahan
"	16	Katy Carter	F	2	Harvey E. Carter	Bathshaba Nelson
May	3	Geo.G. McGuire	M	8	John McGuire	Mary Shea
"	6	Gregorie	"	9	Antoine Gregoire	Mary Lujoi
"	6	Richard French	"	2	Edwin A. French	Oliva B. Tyler
"	7	Currier	"	4	James H. Currier	Nellie Cobbett
"	7	Doris Martin	F	1	Asa H. Martin	Rosie M. Kirk
"	8	Charles L Lucas	M	1	Charles Lucas	Alice A. Cullinan
"	21	Florence Smith	F	2	Joseph Smith	Matilda Gerhardt
June	1	Leo.J. Sylvester	M	2	George A. Sylvester	Emma Gregoire
"	5	Marie Rouleau	F	4	Alire Rouleau	Eliza Cormier
"	19	Elbert R. Bent	M	7	William H. Bent	Sophia Chute
"	25	Geo. C. DeFoe	"	8	Napoleon DeFoe	Mary Bussord
Aug.	18	Mary LaPointe	F	7	Frank LaPointe	Antoinie Bishop
Sept.	1	Marie Laqueue	"	2	Joseph Laqueue	Clara Parady
"	1	Paro	"	5	Joseph Paro, Jr.	Mary Charboneau
"	10	Wm.GRaymond	M	1	John Raymond	Jennie Desilets
"	30	Amidon	"	1	P. F. Amidon	Annie E Estey
Oct.	15	Jos. Pelletier	"	5	Timothy Pelletier	Leida Levesque
"	25	Marg'te Stanton	F	10	Michael Stanton	Mary Dillon
Nov.	16	Flor'ce Wheeler	"	1	Charles L. Wheeler	Kate Watts
"	21	James McKee	M	1	George H. McKee	Grace P. Bride
"	22	Frye	"	1	Orville H. Frye	Cinnamon F. Delfly
"	25	Dorot'y Hubb'd	F	1	Winfield G. Hubbard	Rose Robie
"	27	Julia A. Whalen	"	6	John Whalen	Bridget Varley
Dec.	19	Geo.W.Weston	M	8	Fred Weston	Ida Wellman
"	26	Ruth A Doherty	F	4	Joseph Doherty	Mary A. Keeley

N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Butcher	Wilton	Milford	43	31
Baggage Master	Sackville, N. B.	Wilton	31	25
Farmer	St. Albans, Vt.	"	28	18
Butcher	Canada	Canada	40	39
Blacksmith	England	Nova Scotia	26	24
Clerk	Milford	Lowell, Mass.	32	34
Laborer	Lowell, Mass.	Wilton	27	25
Section Hand	Canada	Canada	41	36
Laborer	Bangor, Me.	Greenfield	38	30
Painter	Canada	Canada	30	28
Carpenter	New Brunswick	Greenfield	39	31
"	Wilton	Isle of Alderny	30	25
Engineer, stationary	England	England	34	33
Laborer	Canada	Canada	26	18
"	"	Wilton	30	27
Engineer, stationary	Milford	Milford	41	37
Laborer	Wilton	Wilton	25	25
"	Lowell, Mass.	"	30	28
"	Canada	Canada	38	36
Grocer	Wilton	Lyndeboro	28	28
Mill Operative	Lawrence, Mass.	Amesbury, Mass.	32	32
Jeweler		Grafton	28	23
Mill Operative	Adams, Mass.	Wilton	25	24
"	Germany	Austria	27	24
"	Wilton	Waterbury, Conn.	27	26
"	Canada	Canada	32	28
Laborer	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	38	34
"	Amesbury Falls, Vt.	Canada	38	34
Mill Operative	Canada	"	35	38
"	St. Filamore	Beny Robertson	23	20
"	Greenville	Greenville	31	28
Butcher	Wilton	Harrisville	26	21
Manufacturer	Hinsdale	Philadelphia, Pa.	45	42
Mill Operative	Canada	Canada	29	29
Merchant	Ireland	Lowell, Mass.	48	40
Laborer	Lyndeboro	England	31	30
"	Clarenceville, P. Q.	Brandon, Vt.	24	18
"	Wilton	Princeton, Mass.	32	21
Clergyman	Bristol, R. I.	Campton	36	23
Laborer	Canada	Ireland	37	42
Farmer	New Ipswich	Stoddard	44	36
Laborer	Wilton	Wilton	31	31

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Date.		Name of Deceased.	Age			Place of Birth	Sex	Condition	Occupation
			Years	Mos.	Days				
Feb.	5	George H. Blood	70			Temple	M	M	Farmer
"	11	Hattie E. Goss	33	11	15		F	"	Housek'p'r
"	15	Mary L. Patterson	64				"	"	"
"	25	Geo. W. Hutchinson	63			Wilton	M	S	Laborer
"	27	Alice May Carlton	16	9		"	F	"	
"	28	Harriet E. Preble	72			Portland, Me.	"	M	Housek'p'r
Mar.	11	John Baker	72	9		St. Albans, Vt.	M	W	Laborer
"	12	George Buss	84				"	"	Farmer
"	25	Emily A. Batchelder	67			Wilton	F	M	Housek'p'r
"	27	Persis B. Barrett	88	9	27	"	"	W	"
"	29	Caleb M. Batchelder	85			"	M	"	Farmer
Apr.	12	James Martin	79			Dunbarton	"	"	"
"	15	John B. Kimball	75			Wilton	"	M	Merchant
"	22	Hannah Kelly	61			Ireland	F	"	Housek'p'r
"	24	Gideon Desilet	57	7	6	Canada	M	"	Watchman.
May	28	Harriet N. Hardy	78			Greenfield	F	S	Housek'p'r
June	20	Sophia Bent	32	9			"	M	"
"	29	Mary F. Chandler	58	4		Lyndeboro	"	"	"
J'ly	1or2	Harriet F. Woodard	51	2		"	"	W	"
"	8	Charles Wilson	74	11	11		M	M	Farmer
"	17	Eliza B. Whiting	78			Mason	F	W	Housek'p'r
Aug.	8	Caroline Schmidt	60		10	Germany	"	M	"
"	25	Joseph A. Senechal		5	21	Wilton	M	S	
"	25	Mary J. LaPoint			7	"	F	"	
Sep.	9	Leo. J. Sylvester		3	9	"	M	"	
"	15	Rose D. Rouleau	2	7	2	"	F	"	
"	18	Emily C. Clark	58			"	"	W	"
"	29	Amidon				"	M	S	
Oct.	19	David W. Russell	61	11	11	"	"	M	Farmer
Nov.	22	Frye				"	"	S	
Dec.	26	Abby A. H. Smith	84	7	13	"	F	W	Housek'p'r

N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Temple	Temple	Howard S. Blood	Rhoda Pierce
		Julien C. Wright	
So. Merrimack			Mary L. Smith
Wilton	Wilton	James Hutchinson	Sarah Farrar
"	"	Albert Carlton	Frances N. Abbott
		Elijah Kelsey	Harriet Cross
Canada	Canada	Peter Baker	Elina Muniot
Wilton	Wilton	Stephea Buss	Sarah Abbott
"	"	Stephen Buss	Sarah Abbott
"	Temple	Daniel Batchelder	Persis Maynard
"	Wilton	Daniel Batchelder	
Dunbarton	Scotland	Samuel Martin	Sarah Todd
Winham, Mass.	Wilton	John Kimball	Anna Livermore
Ireland	Ireland	Michael Shea	Sullivan
Canada	Canada	Felix Desilet	Marie Bourk
Andover, Mass.	Andover, Mass.	Aaron Hardy	Sarah Stickney
Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	James W. Chute	Ellen Banks
Lyndeboro	Wilton	Joseph Perham	Abby Melendy
"	Barre, Vt.	Wm. G. Lakin	Harriet Carlton
New Ipswich	Wilton	John Wilson	Ann Holt
Groton, Mass.	Amesbury, Mass.	Ebenezer Williams	Betsey Weed
Germany	Germany	Christomus Lieber	Theresia Weinert
Canada	Canada	Alphride Senechal	Florida Bernard
"	"	Frank LaPointe	Antinia Bishop
Wilton	Waterbury, Conn.	George Sylvester	Emma Gregorie
Canada	Canada	Allire Rouleau	Liza Cormier
Lyndeboro	Wilton	Jesse B. Carkin	Sarah Hutchinson
Hinsdale	Philadelphia, Pa.	P. F. Amidon	Annie E. Estey
Wilton	Salem, Mass.	Theron Russell	Elisabeth Wilson
"	Princeton, Mass.	Orville R. Frye	Cinnamon Delfly
"	Jaffrey	Simeon Holt	Esther Brooks

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Deaths in Wilton, 1897.

Feb. 5. Geo. H. Blood, aged 70 years, 3 months, 19 days.
5. Anna V. Tyler, died in Boston, Mass., aged 37 years, 8 months, 9 days.
11. Hattie E. Goss, aged 33 years, 11 months, 15 days.
15. Mary L. Patterson, aged 64 years.
25. George W. Hutchinson, aged 63 years, 11 months, 25 days.
27. Alice M. Carlton, aged 16 years, 9 months, 4 days.
28. Harriet E. Preble, aged 72 years.
Mar. 8. Florben Eveleth, died in Albany, N. Y., aged 13 years.
11. John Baker, aged 72 years.
12. George Buss, aged 84 years, 5 months, 21 days.
25. Emily A. Batchelder, aged 67 years 7 months, 25 days.
27. Persis B. Barrett, 88 years, 9 months, 27 days.
29. Caleb M. Batchelder, aged 85 years, 2 months, 3 days.
Apr. 5. Menta Duval, died in Goffstown, aged 34 years.
8. James A. Boynton, died in Mason, aged 68 years, 5 months, 23 days.
12. James Martin, aged 79 years, 5 months.
15. Jonathan B. Kimball, aged 75 years.
22. Hannah Kelly, aged 63 years.
24. Gideon Diselets, aged 57 years, 7 months.
M'y 15. Mattie Gutterson, died in Milford, aged 20 years.
25. Harriet N. Hardy, aged 78 years.
Ju'e 19. Sophia Bent, aged 32 years, 8 months, 2 days.
29. Mary F. Chandler, aged 58 years, 4 months, 6 days.
July 8. Charles Wilson, aged 74 years, 10 months, 11 days.
17. Eliza B. Whiting, aged 77 years, 3 months, 23 days.

Aug. 8. Caroline Smidt, aged 60 years, 10 days.
10. Leon E. Morris, died in Nashua, aged 6 years.
16. Beatrice B. Bales, died in Greenville, aged 9 months.
25. J. C. A. Senecharles, aged 5 months, 21 days.
25. Mary J. LaPoint, aged 7 days.
Sept. 9. Leo J. Sylvester, aged 3 months, 9 days.
9. Peter H. Putnam, died in Nashua, aged 77 years, 11 months, 29 days.
15. Rose D Rouleau, aged 2 years, 7 months, 2 days.
18. Emily C. Clark, 58 years, 9 months.
29. Infant Amidon.
Oct. 13. Ethlyn M. Hutchinson, died in Leominister, Mass., aged 1 month, 18 days.
19. David W. Russell, aged 61 years, 11 months, 11 days.
Dec. 26. Abbie A. H. Smith, aged 84 years, 7 months.

W. H. BARNES, Sexton.

Report of the School Board,

For The Year Ending March 1, 1898.

At the Annual School Meeting held March 13, '97, Miss Martha A. Putnam was re-elected as a member of the School Board for the full term of three years, and H. L. Emerson for the short term of one year. The Board was subsequently organized by the choice of D. E. Proctor as chairman and treasurer, and Miss Putnam as secretary.

Mr. L. H. Blood was employed according to an act of the legislature passed in 1895, requiring an enumeration in the month of April in each year of all children of each sex between the ages of five and sixteen years, with the employment of the child since Sept. 1st of the previous year, together with his attendance at school for the same time. He reported 156 boys and 166 girls. Total 322 ; a gain over the previous year's census of 27 boys and 16 girls, an aggregate gain of 45 school children. The teachers' registers show 170 boys and 168 girls, or a total of 338 scholars, the difference being accounted for by those pupils over 16 years of age.

The school year beginning at the commencement of the fall term or Sept. 1, and the financial and administrative year March 1st, and with the removals from and into town, and from one school limit into another during the year, and also the fact that the High and the Grammer school are still in session, closing Mar. 4th, makes it quite difficult, if not almost impossible to get a thoroughly accurate report of the number of pupils attending school. We think however that the following table presents the condition very nearly.

SCHOOLS.	Whole Number.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Attendance.	Terms.	Weeks.	Visitors.
*High - - -	43	26	17	38	3	36	87
*Grammar - -	46	15	31	42	3	36	133
Intermediate - -	56	32	24	49	3	33	110
3d Primary - -	46	22	24	43	3	33	76
2d Primary - -	29	13	16	28	3	33	125
1st Primary -	33	18	15	30	3	31	153
Abbot Hill - -	13	9	4	11	3	30	81
Centre - -	13	7	6	12	3	30	84
Davisville - -	14	7	7	12	3	30	57
Intervale - -	27	14	13	25	3	30	101
Kimball - - -	9	5	4	8	3	30	26
West - - -	9	2	7	9	2	20	27
	338	170	168	307	35	372	1060

*Two weeks more to be in session.

We are pleased to learn from the above that more than 1000 persons visited our schools during their sessions in the year now closing. We trust that during the coming year the teachers will be obliged to paste slips into their registers in addition to the space allowed for visitors with the names of fathers and mothers and all friends of education who visit with the single purpose animating them of helping and encouraging both pupils and teacher by kindly words and helpful suggestions, and that we may be enabled to report at the close of the year at least 2000 names. If parents are interested in the school the child will be—if the child lacks interest it is really more the parents fault than the child's. We cannot leave all to the teachers ; we must help by being interested ourselves so the child may be, hence better work, better schools, better scholars, better teachers, better citizens.

It was voted at the last Annual Meeting that the School Board be instructed to sell the school house in the Steele dis-

trict so called by public auction, but before the Board moved in the matter the following petition was presented. "We, the undersigned, citizens of Wilton, and qualified to vote in district affairs, hereby protest against the proposed disposal of the school house in the Steele district so called. In the event of such sale however, we earnestly petition that the Abbot hill school house be re-located at some point convenient for all school patrons in that section of the town, or that a new school building be erected which shall accommodate all parties in interest," and signed by George F. Badger and 21 others. As the district was without funds to either move the present Abbot hill school building or build a new one as the petition contemplates, it was decided to let it remain as it is and await further instructions and appropriations for that purpose before doing anything more, although we thought it best that the present occupied house on Abbot hill should be shingled, which was accordingly done,and should the town deem it best to let the present school facilities in that part of the town remain as now, we think it would be well to have the school house repainted and papered, and put into a more comfortable and inviting condition than it is at present.

The houses at the Center, Davisville and the Intervale during the year have been put into as good a condition as paper and paint could do. At the Intervale on account of the close proximity of the shade trees which darkened the room making it very desirable to have more light, it was found necessary either to have some of them cut or trimmed in such a way as would least mar their beauty and symmetry. The Board not wishing to assume too much responsibility, and feeling it to be a local matter, called together the patrons of the school, many of whom were interested in the planting of these maples. They decided rather than cut any, except one which was partially decayed, to trim severely, which seemed to be an eminently satisfactory solution of the problem. And not only are the patrons of this

school interested in the shade trees and the good home-like appearance outside, but they are intensely interested in what is doing and being done in the school room, and it is manifested by their frequent visits during its working hours, as well as liberal in their attendance to the entertainments which they have given enabling the school to pay $10. toward a manikin for their own use in the study of physiology. The Board feeling that they had done so well it would not be an injustice for the district to pay the balance $1.50 from the school funds. During the summer term the scholars from the West school were conveyed to the Center, but suddenly the West increased from six to sixteen and a school accordingly was kept their during the fall and winter terms. This house is in need of some repairs which will probably be made during the coming summer vacation.

We would invite the careful perusal of the following extract from the School Laws of New Hampshire, Chapter 93, Sec. 14.

Every person having the custody and control of a child between the ages of eight and sixteen years, residing in a school district in which a public school is annually taught, shall cause such child to attend the public school for twelve weeks at least in every year. Six weeks at least shall be consecutive, unless the child shall be excused by the school board of the district because his physical or mental condition is such as to prevent his attendance at school for the period required, or because he was instructed in a private school for at least twelve weeks during the year in the common English branches or, having acquired these branches, in other more advanced studies.

Sec. 15. Any person who does not comply with the requirements of the preceding section shall forfeit ten dollars for the first offence and twenty dollars for each subsequent offence, for the use of the district.

There has been quite an animated correspondence between James F. Brennan, Esq., attorney for Mr. James Ducy and the Board in regard to the amount which should be paid him for

conveying his children to the Davisville school. The Board paid Mr. Goss, who formerly lived at that place, one dollar per week for carrying his four children and two others. Mr. Ducy demanding $2. per week, it was however finally agreed that he should carry his two and Mr. Burton's daughter for $1.50 per week, but Mr. Burton later made an arrangement to convey his daughter at a cost of .50 cents per week, and consequently Mr. Ducy's children have not attended school as the law requires.

The Board have perhaps failed in doing their whole duty in this case, but perhaps under the circumstances it was just as well to let it rest until further light could be gained upon this transportation question rather than take the responsibility to pay over 10 cents per day for each pupil for conveyance, as we find many towns are getting this work done for that and some less, and some carried by parties who have no interest in the child as a parent or guardian, simply for the money there was in it.

We feel that our schools have continued there onward, upward course to higher, better days, during the year past, and that they will compare favorably with the schools in the towns around us. A gentleman, a teacher with fifty years experience and who keeps abreast with modern methods, said to the writer, "You have just as good schools as they have in Milford or Nashua as far as you carry the pupil." We don't claim to have reached the summit of excellence, which when attained leaves no more worlds to conquer, when effort ceases, but rather strive to make better best, keep the wheels a moving, and make good honest, courteous, intelligent men and women of the boys and girls who graduate from the schools of Wilton.

We found the primary school so crowded at the beginning of the summer term that it was decided to divide it and make a third primary. Three dozen small chairs and some tables were bought, but we find it will be necessary to have the room occupied by the 1st Primary fitted with desks, and as those now occupied by the Intermediate school are too small for that grade,

that this room be furnished with desks of a suitable size for the Intermediate school and that the three primary schools be rearranged in the lower rooms. To make this change and to place proper furniture in this room, the Board would ask for an appropriation of $200. and $5.000. together with the literary fund for the support of schools the ensuing year.

We think we voice the sentiments of the teachers, the pupils and the Board as we extend a cordial "thank you" to all who have extended a helping hand, a word of encouragement and a presence at the entertainments and graduating exercises of our schools.

The Annual School Meeting will be held on Saturday, Mar. 12, '98, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Our schools are our prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. PROCTOR, *Chairman.*

TEACHERS.

High, 1st term, Elvira Morrill.
2nd and 3rd term, Eva B. Roby.
High Asst., year, Grace B. Carr.
Grammar, 1st term, Bessie F. Moore.
2nd and 3rd term, Jennie Whitcher.
Intermediate, 1st term, Grace E. Putnam.
2nd and 3rd term, Flora F. Cilley.
3rd Primary, 1st and 2nd term, Nellie Brown.
3rd term, Hanna E. Dodge.
2nd Primary, year, Bertha L. Blood.
1st Primary, year, Lucy S. Blanchard.
Abbot Hill, year, Minnie E. Reynolds.
Center, year, Carita E. Trevitt.
Davisville, 1st term, Nettie E. Lynch.
2nd and 3rd term, Edith L. Robbins.
Intervale, year, Florence M. Potter.
Kimball, " Mary P. Gutterson.
West, 2nd and 3rd term, Harriet D. Gerrold.

ROLL OF HONOR.

HIGH.

Three Terms, Hattie Putnam, Abiel A. Livermore.
Two Terms, Louise Colony, Clara Purdy, Annable Stiles, Josephine F. Tarbell, George Frye, Edward Goss, Fred M. Hatch, Fred W.

Proctor, John O'Donnell, John Stanton, Wm. R. Stearns, John J. Stanton.

One Term. Hannah Brennan, Odie Diselets, Lydia Hatch, Mary Putnam, Henry Proctor, Alfred Wells.

GRAMMAR.

Three Terms. Grace Driscoll, Lucy Stiles, Mary I. G. Whalen.

Two Terms. Mary E. Driscoll, Bessie M. Hartshorn, Effie M. Hartshorn, Gertrude Martin, Mary McKeenam, Mollie F. McKenna, Anna J. Proctor, William L. Stanton.

One Term. Alice Cooley, Grace Cooley, Fred Draper, Elmer J. Driscoll, Katherine T. Driscoll, Geo. H. Frye, Flora Goss, Trenor Heath, Lydia Hatch, Joseph Joly, John S. Mitchel, Thresa O'Donnell, Fred W. Proctor, Florence Richardson, John J. Stanton, Eva Swallow, Alfred Wells, Stanley Wells, Kate Whalen.

INTERMEDIATE.

Two Terms. Bertha Goss, Clara Goss, Josiah Hatch, Thomas Landers, Ambrose Shea, Chester Smith, Harry Smith, Anna Whalen.

One Term. Thomas Buckley, Ed R. Curtis, Katie Driscoll, Fred Draper, Elmer Driscoll, Charles Defoe, Guy Draper, Karl Farnum,

Florence Hatch, Effie Hartshorn, Hortense Liberty, Mary McKeenam, Joseph McCaffrey, Honor Stanton, Anne Tolford, Ida Weston, Kate Whalen, Ida Young.

THIRD PRIMARY.

Three Terms. Edwin Landers.

Two Terms. Alice Diselets, Mabel Frye, Stella Kelley.

One Term. Harold Avery, Louis Avery, Ernest Blood, Alice Blanchette, Jerome English, Rose English, Timothy Foley, Karl Farnum, Alfred Lapointe, Jos. McCaffrey, Eddie Moquin, Willie McCaffrey, Edith Richardson, Maud Richardson, Ambrose Shea, Chester Smith, Harold Smith, Honor Stanton, Annie Whalen.

SECOND PRIMARY.

Three Terms. Carl Lawrence.

Two Terms. Aurose Diselets, Abbie Driscoll, Alice Weston, Nellie Whalen.

One Term. David Balcom, Dana N. Barker, Kate Cooley, Alice Desilets, Willie McCaffrey, Harold Smith.

FIRST PRIMARY.

Two Terms. Annie Driscoll, Charles Landers, Ralph Stearns.

One Term. Mary Ducette, Edna Weeks, Nellie Whalen.

ABBOT HILL

Three Terms.	Charles A. Brown, Fanny B. Sheldon.
Two Terms.	Charles E. Sheldon.
One Term.	Elmer L. Boynton, Edgar W. Townsend, Florence A. Woods.

CENTER.

Three Terms.	Olive B. Livermore.
Two Terms.	Milledge M. Purdy, Ernest A. Wright.
One Term.	Edith N. Frye, Ethel N. Frye, Mabel C. Frye, Maurice W. Small, Jessie E. Wright.

DAVISVILLE.

Two Terms.	Mable Buttrick, Charles Buttrick.

INTERVALE.

Three Terms.	Mary E. Martin, Eva H. Putnam, Alice K. Putnam, Dora M. Tuttle, George L. Tuttle, Victor J. Tuttle, Ira A. Whitney.
Two Terms.	Ernest F. Blanchard, Perley W. Dodge, Frank M. Gray, Effie L. Nickerson, Harry A. Nickerson, Jessie I. Nickerson, Velma I. Nickerson.
One Term.	Carl L. Chandler, Edgar Dubec, Malvina M. Duffy, Mabel R. French, Clarence M. Mansur, Mary .I Putnam, Forest H. Spofford.

KIMBALL.

Three Terms,	Anna Batchelder, Daniel Batchelder, Erland Batchelder, John Batchelder.

WEST.

Two Terms,	Erlan H. Frye, Ethel D. Frye, Mabel C. Frye.
One Term,	Philip W. Ring.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE SCHOOL BOARD,

To the town of Wilton for the year ending March 1st, 1898.

DR.

Bal. cash in treasury Mar. 1, 1897,	$54 04	
Received from town treasurer,	4,979 40	
Spalding fund,	646 00	
tuition,	65 50	
books &c., sold,	11 62	
		$5,756 56

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For Instruction.

Grace B. Carr,	$484 00
Elvira Morrill,	411 33
Eva B. Roby,	360 00
Florence M. Potter,	240 00
Jennie Whitcher,	240 00
Carrie E. Trevitt,	210 00
Bessie F. Moore,	215 00
Bertha L. Blood,	288 00
Minnie E. Reynolds,	210 00
Lucy S. Blanchard,	201 50
Nellie Brown,	198 00

Flora F. Cilley,	$198 00	
Mary J. Gutterson,	180 00	
Harriet D. Gerould,	140 00	
Hanna E. Dodge,	104 35	
Edith Robbins,	145 50	
Grace E. Putnam,	99 00	
Nettie E. Lynch,	70 00	
		$3,994 68

Fuel.

D. Whiting Sons, coal,	$302 55	
H. J. Russell, wood,	38 50	
H. H. Livermore, "	13 50	
Willis H. Abbot, "	6 62	
Geo. M. Batchelder,	4 50	
		$365 67

Janitors.

John S. McKay,	$325 00	
Schools outside village,	37 95	
		$362 95

Miscellaneous.

Freight and express,	$6 20	
H. T. H. Frye, transportation,	30 00	
L. H. Blood, enumeration,	10 00	
J. H. Burton, transportation,	2 50	
		$48 70

Books and Supplies.

Ginn & Co.,	$51 14	
W. I. Durgin,	40 80	
J. L. Hammet,	32 59	

American Book Company,	$21 60	
Werner Book Company,	20 84	
Boston School Supply Co.,	19 10	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	16 91	
Ziegler Electric Co.,	12 84	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	12 68	
D. E. Proctor, bal. on Piano,	10 63	
William Ware & Co.,	10 00	
J. Q. Adams,	7 50	
D. C. Heath & Co ,	6 25	
Wilton Library, paper to cover books,	5 74	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	2 92	
The Morse Co.,	2 40	
Rep. Press Association,	1 45	
The Public Printing Co.,	80	
The Carroll Pub. Co.,	60	
Allen & Bacon,	57	
		$277 36

Repairs and Supplies.

D. E. Proctor,	$89 82
Henry N. Blanchard,	87 35
" " 1896-7,	13 06
D. E. Proctor, 1896-7,	62 37
Willis B. Hopkins,	62 65
H. L. Emerson,	25 56
C. E. Robbins,	21 00
Emerson & Sons,	15 00
John Gage,	14 50
Martha A. Putnam,	8 73
C. O. Whitney,	9 00
L. H. Whitney,	6 00
S. N. Center & Sons,	5 17
Ellen M. G. Brown,	3 00

G. F. Gilpatrick,	$2 82	
Grace Frye,	1 80	
W. E. Foster,	35	
		$428 18

School Board.

Martha A. Putnam,	$60 00	
D. E Proctor,	45 00	
H. L. Emerson,	30 00	
		$135 00

Summary.

For Instruction,	$3,994 68	
Fuel,	365 67	
Janitors,	362 95	
Miscellaneous,	48 70	
Books and Supplies,	277 36	
Repairs &c.,	428 18	
School Board,	135 00	
		$5,612 54
Amount received,	$5,756 56	
paid,	5,612 54	
Cash on hand,		$144 02

Unpaid bills, there is due Werner School Book Co., $112 20 from which there is to be deducted old books returned, also D. Whiting and Sons about $200. bal. coal contract.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. PROCTOR, Treasurer.

We have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

A. A. RAMSEY,
GEO. G. BLANCHARD, } Auditors.